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- 1. The Chinese Communist authorities have ordered the evacuation of the Houchitao (120-38, 38-01) light station, because Changshan Island is still held by the Nationalists and it is impossible for the Communists to tend the station. (There are sufficient batteries at the station for the light to function from four to six months but the Communists want the light out.)
- The Chefoo lights (including Tower Hill, Kuntungtao, Mole End and breakwater lights) will not be relit. If possible, all of the equipment will be withdrawn to the buoy-yard at Tsingtao.
- 3. The Chinhuangtao light will not be relit, nor will the lights at Lienyun-kang. The Communists have not mentioned the light at Ship Point, which has been maintained by the Chinese Nationalist Navy.
- All Tsingtao harbor lights continue to function but, it gas cylinders are not received from Shanghai or elsewhere, the lights will start to go out within two months.

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